



## SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

The Speech/Language Pathologist certificate is valid for service as a speech/language pathologist in the public schools of Rhode Island.\*

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a speech/language pathologist an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. An Advanced Degree in Speech/Language Pathology from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education, as defined in these regulations.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

\*The person holding this certificate meets requirements for a Speech/Language Pathologist as defined in the Regulations of the Board of Regents Governing the Special Education of Handicapped Children.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.